

cushion to attach ill-advised foreign policy amendments.

This is the kind of obstruction that is hard to explain to the American people. A Florida lawyer and former prosecutor was quoted in the Orlando Sentinel saying: "It's a good reason why Congress' approval rating is 10 percent." He continued: "Politics should have no place in the nomination and confirmation of excellent jurists like Judge Jordan. Shouldn't happen. We need qualified judicial nominees on the bench, big time." It is the kind of senseless obstruction that comes at a great cost to the millions of Americans living in Florida, Georgia and Alabama who are affected by the judicial emergency vacancy on the Eleventh Circuit. I am glad that they will finally have a judge to fill that vacancy.

I am certain that all Americans will be well served by Judge Adalberto Jordan. He has proven through his long career on the bench and as a prosecutor to be a public servant of tremendous quality and integrity. I congratulate Judge Jordan, his family, Senator NELSON, Senator RUBIO and the people of Florida on his confirmation today.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am advised that there is nobody else who wishes to speak, so I ask unanimous consent to yield back any time and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit?

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. KYL. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 5, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 19 Ex.]

YEAS—94

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| Akaka | Cochran | Inouye |
| Alexander | Collins | Isakson |
| Ayotte | Conrad | Johanns |
| Barrasso | Coons | Johnson (SD) |
| Baucus | Corker | Johnson (WI) |
| Begich | Cornyn | Kerry |
| Bennet | Crapo | Klobuchar |
| Bingaman | Durbin | Kohl |
| Blumenthal | Enzi | Kyl |
| Boozman | Feinstein | Landrieu |
| Boxer | Franken | Lautenberg |
| Brown (MA) | Gillibrand | Leahy |
| Brown (OH) | Graham | Levin |
| Burr | Grassley | Lieberman |
| Cantwell | Hagan | Lugar |
| Cardin | Harkin | Manchin |
| Carper | Hatch | McCain |
| Casey | Heller | McCaskill |
| Chambliss | Hoeven | McConnell |
| Coats | Hutchison | Menendez |
| Coburn | Inhofe | Merkley |

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| Mikulski | Risch | Tester |
| Moran | Roberts | Thune |
| Murkowski | Rockefeller | Udall (CO) |
| Murray | Rubio | Udall (NM) |
| Nelson (NE) | Sanders | Warner |
| Nelson (FL) | Schumer | Webb |
| Paul | Sessions | Whitehouse |
| Portman | Shaheen | Wicker |
| Pryor | Shelby | Wyden |
| Reed | Snowe | |
| Reid | Stabenow | |

NAYS—5

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| Blunt | Lee | Vitter |
| DeMint | Toomey | |

NOT VOTING—1

Kirk

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

The Senator from Rhode Island.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I and other Senators, including TOM UDALL and the Presiding Officer and Senator WHITEHOUSE, be permitted to speak for the next 60 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

GLOBAL WARMING

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I fear one of the major issues that not only faces our country but faces our planet is not getting the kind of serious debate and discussion it needs in the Senate; that is, the planetary crisis of global warming, what its impact is having now in our country and in other countries throughout the world and how, in fact, we can address this enormous crisis.

I understand politically some of my colleagues do not believe global warming is real and they do not think there is much our country should or can do to address this crisis. I understand that. But with all due respect, I strongly disagree with that position and believe, in terms of the future of our planet, the lives of our kids and our grandchildren, that is a very wrong-headed position and could lead to enormous problems for our country and for the rest of the world.

But the truth is, the real debate about global warming is not whether other Members of the Senate disagree with me or Senator UDALL, the issue is what the scientific community, the people who have studied this issue for years, in fact, believes. As I think the Presiding Officer understands, the overwhelming consensus in our country and around the world from the scientific community is, A, global warming is real, and, B, to a very significant degree global warming is manmade.

That is not just my position, not just what I say or what other Members of the Senate say. Far more important, it is what leading scientists all over the world are saying.

The National Academy of Sciences in this country, joined by academies of science in the United Kingdom, Italy, Mexico, Canada, France, Japan, Russia, Germany, China, India, Brazil, and South Africa, has said—this is their statement, the National Academy of Sciences—“. . . climate change is happening even faster than previously estimated" and the "need for urgent action to address climate change is now indisputable."

It is fine for radio talk show hosts to have their view. Frankly, I think it is more significant that the scientific community from all over the world is in agreement. Let me repeat what they say: “. . . climate change is happening even faster than previously estimated" and the "need for urgent action to address climate change is now indisputable."

Mr. President, 18 scientific societies, including the American Geophysical Union and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said:

Observations throughout the world make it clear that climate change is occurring, and rigorous scientific research demonstrates that the greenhouse gases emitted by human activities are the primary driver.

That is not I; that is 18 scientific societies, including the American Geophysical Union and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

They continue:

These conclusions are based on multiple independent lines of evidence, and contrary assertions are inconsistent with an objective assessment of the vast body of peer-reviewed science.

But it is not only the scientific community. It is agencies of the U.S. Government that have to deal or worry about the impact of global warming.

The Department of Defense says: